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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Schaeffer, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/712,420

Filed: November 12, 2003

For: ELECTROPOLISHING APPARATUS AND
METHOD FOR MEDICAL IMPLANTS

Attorney Docket No: 8627-327 (PA-5445-RFB)

Examiner: Lois L. Zheng

Art Unit: 1742

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Reply to May 15 Office Action (5p);
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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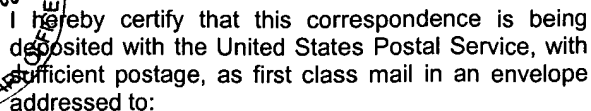
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Respectfully submitted,

Aug. 9, 2006
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REPLY

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006, please consider the remarks below.